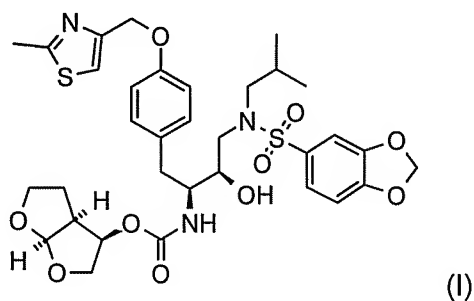


Amendments to the Claims:

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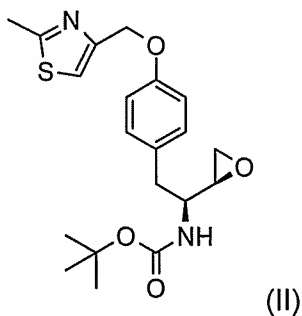
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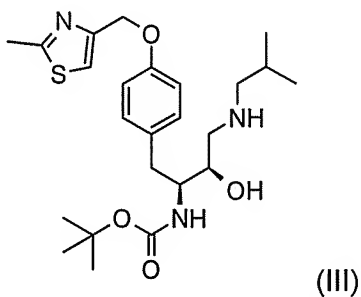


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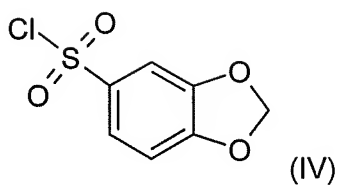
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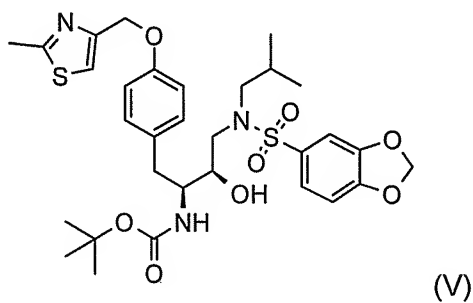
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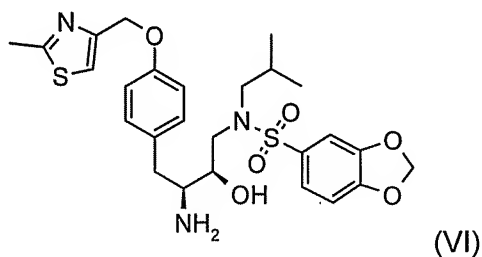
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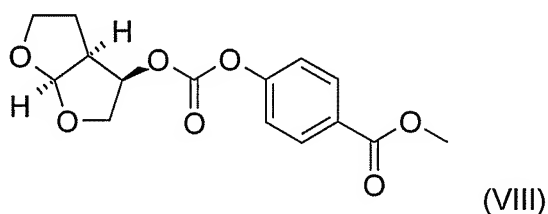
in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



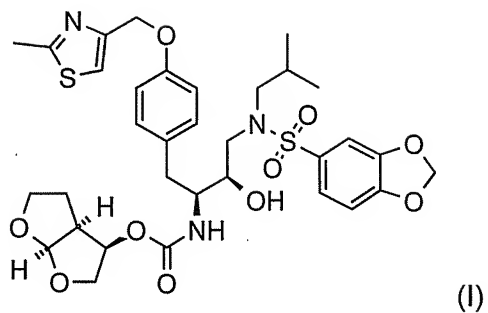
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to yield a compound of formula (I).

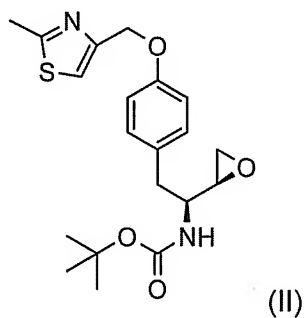
5. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 4 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

6. (original) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

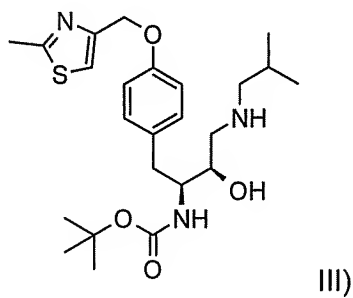


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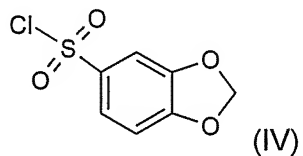
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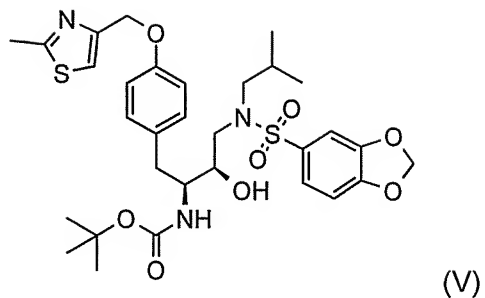
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



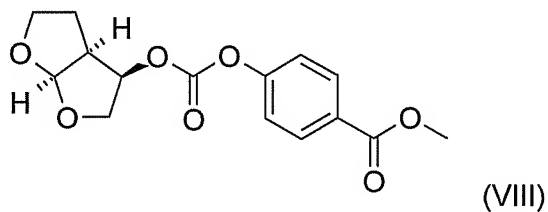
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

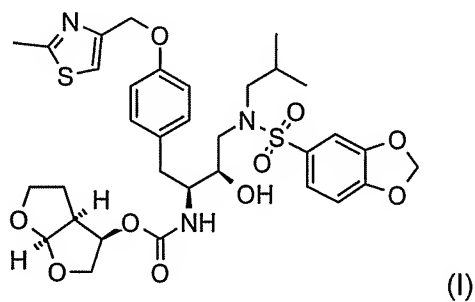


(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (VIII)



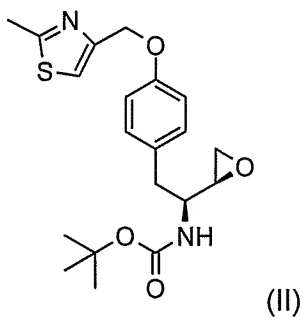
to form a compound of formula (I).

7. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

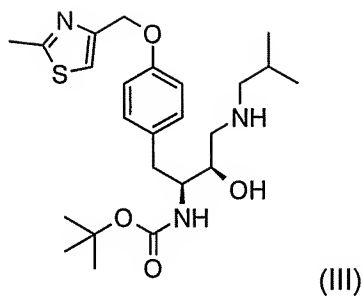


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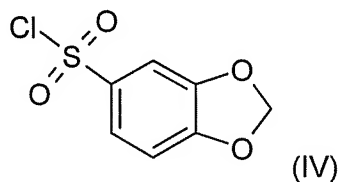
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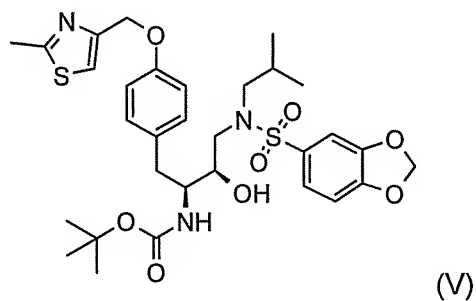
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



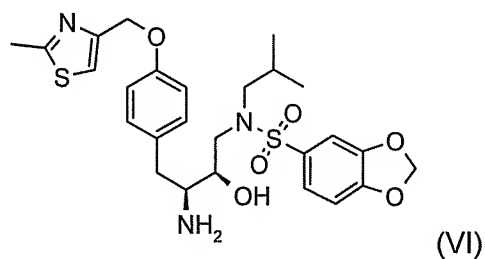
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



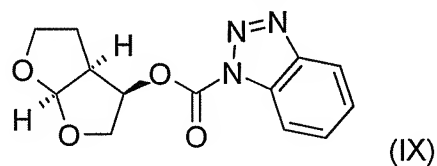
in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (IX)

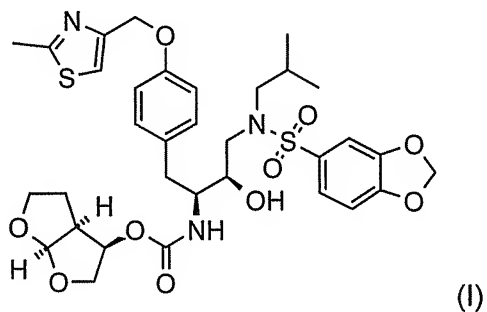


to yield a compound of formula (I).

10. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 7 wherein steps (a) and (b) are

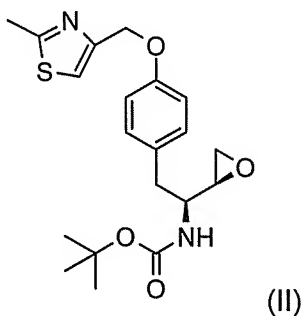
combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

11. (original) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

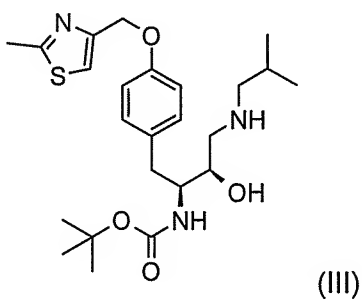


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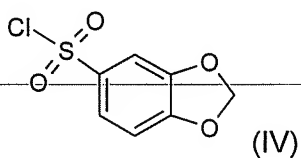
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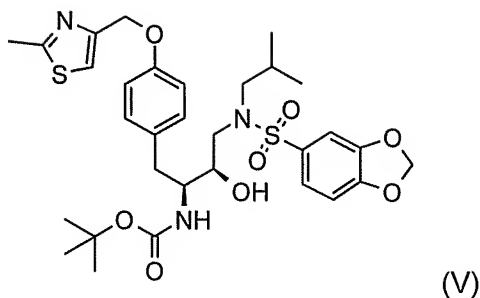
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



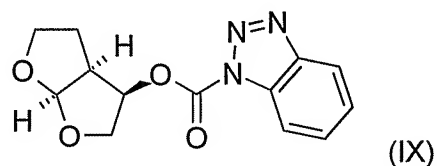
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (IX)



to form a compound of formula (I).

12. (previously presented) A process according to claim 7 wherein the alcohol-containing solvent is acetonitrile-methanol.

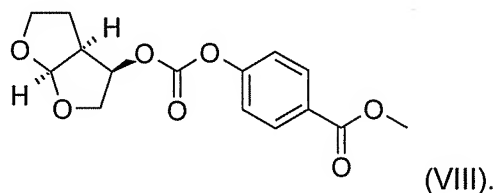
13. (previously presented) A process according to claim 7 wherein the aqueous base is sodium bicarbonate.

14. (previously presented) A process according to claim 4 wherein step (b) is performed in the presence of non-aqueous base.

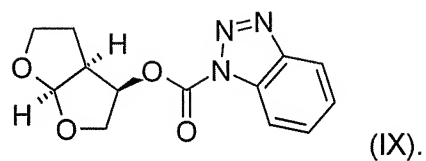
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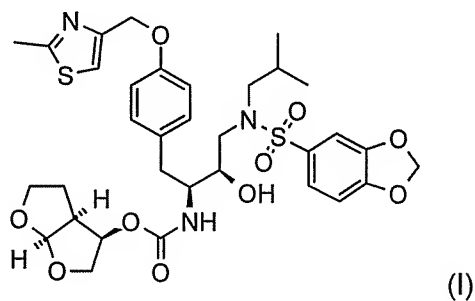
17. (original) A compound of formula (VIII)



18. (original) A compound of formula (IX)

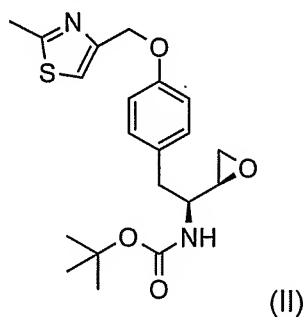


19. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

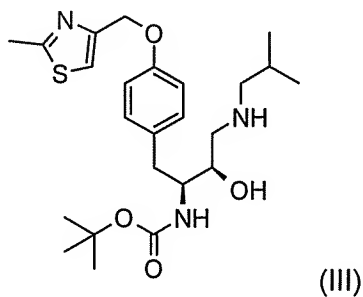


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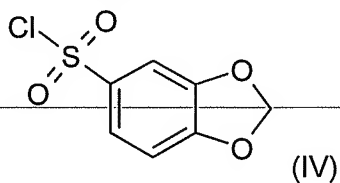
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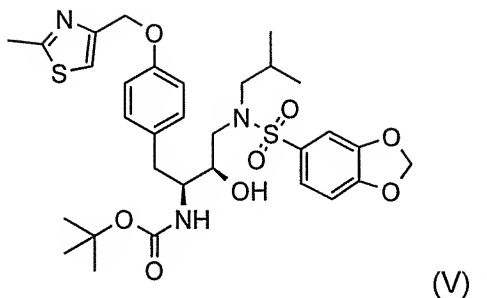
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



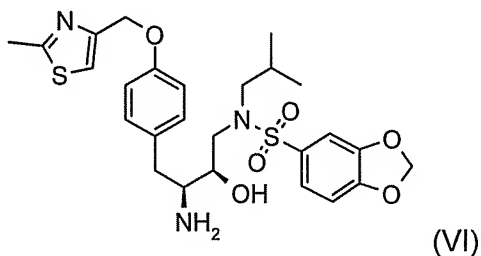
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



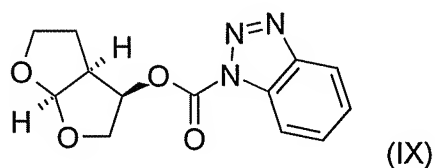
in the presence of non- aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (IX)



to yield a compound of formula (I).

20. (previously presented) A process according to claim 19 wherein the non-aqueous base is N-methylmorpholine.

21. cancelled

22. (previously presented) A process according to claim 20 wherein the non-aqueous base is N-methylmorpholine.

23. (currently amended) A process according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 4 wherein the alcohol-containing solvent is acetonitrile-methanol.

24. (currently amended) A process according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 4 wherein the aqueous base is sodium bicarbonate.